(d) During the visit, it was agreed that the early resolution of the boundary question would advance the basic interests of the two countries and should be pursued as a strategic objective. The Special Representatives on the boundary question were asked to intensify their work to arrive at a boundary settlement on the basis of the Agreement on Political Parameters and Guiding Principles signed on 11 April, 2005.

(e) Yes.

Retrieving of 'Kacha Theevu' Island

3089. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to take up with Sri Lankan authorities retrieval of 'Kacha Theevu' from Sri Lanka which was gifted to them many decades back and which has now become a bone of contention;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Under the Agreements concluded with Sri Lanka in 1974 and 1976, the Kacha Theevu Island lies on the Sri Lankan side of the India-Sri Lanka International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL). Both these agreements were subsequently laid before the Parliament.

Suchetgarh-Nankana Sahib bus service

3090. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start a bus service between Suchetgarh (J&K) to Nankana Sahib (Pakistan) for the benefit of large number of Sikhs of J&K and neighbouring areas who go every year to